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City of Mountain View Declares Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

(Mountain View, Calif.) — City Manager Kimbra McCarthy has proclaimed a local emergency for Mountain View today in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (proclamation attached). The proclamation will be heard for ratification during the March 17, 2020, regularly scheduled Council meeting.

The purpose of this emergency declaration is to give the City legal authority to mobilize resources in response to this unprecedented public health threat for the protection of the community. The action will also help ensure critical services have the resources needed to continue. Additionally, it allows the City to request mutual aid from regional, State and other governmental entities.

The proclamation is in response to the World Health Organization (WHO) escalation of COVID-19 to a global pandemic, and additional declarations of emergency that have been made at the county, state and federal level to slow the spread of the virus. Mountain View is joining a growing number of neighboring cities that have already declared a local emergency or have indicated that they will do so in the next few days.

“The City’s foremost priority is to maintain the health and safety of the community and our employees,” said Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga. “Before this proclamation, the City of Mountain View had already taken several actions to minimize the spread of COVID-19.” Some of these measures include: the partial activation of Mountain View’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to increase the City’s situational awareness and coordinate public information for this rapidly evolving situation; canceling all City events and performances at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts; placement of bottles or a refillable stand of hand sanitizer at all public counters and around all City facilities; adding disinfectant wipes for City staff in all work areas; providing multilingual information sheets about how to protect against and help prevent the spread of the virus to City employees, patrons, customers and other visitors; continuing to modify programs, trainings and other gatherings to increase social spacing and minimize spread; using video-conferencing alternatives or canceled non-essential in-person meetings; and we continue to participate in regular cross-departmental, regional and County briefings.

For more information on actions the City has taken, resources available to minimize spread and other important information, visit MountainView.gov/virus and follow City Hall on social media through Twitter.MountainView.gov, Facebook.MountainView.gov, MountainView.gov/Instagram or subscribe on MountainView.gov/YouTube.

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